

BULLETIN
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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SUBJECT: Update on the Continuing Delay of Publication of Updated Poverty Guidelines

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of eligibility determinations for the Child Nutrition Programs in light of the continued delay in the publication of the updated poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

As you are aware, in order to expedite printing of applications for free and reduced price meals, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) authorized a waiver of the requirement to include the reduced price Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) by family size on any materials related to applications for free and reduced price meals.

In making eligibility determinations, schools and institutions should utilize the current 2009-2010 IEGs to make such determinations until further notice. Such determinations shall be effective from the date of approval through the remainder of the current school year and up to 30 operating days of the following school year.

Attached to this e-mail are two different types of Income Eligibility forms. FNS issued a different form in late May, after the other ones had been printed by many districts/schools. Either of the forms may be used, but no language translations are available for the new forms. There is a 'PV' or print view of each form which is designed to be printed on 11" x 17" stock. The printer will be printing applications without the guidelines this year using the forms we printed last year.

Also attached are letters which may be used to inform parents of their benefit status and for use in verification. These form letters have been added to the Child Nutrition program of the Student Information System (SIS).

At this time, FNS does not know when the guidelines will be published. We will tell you immediately if we receive them.

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